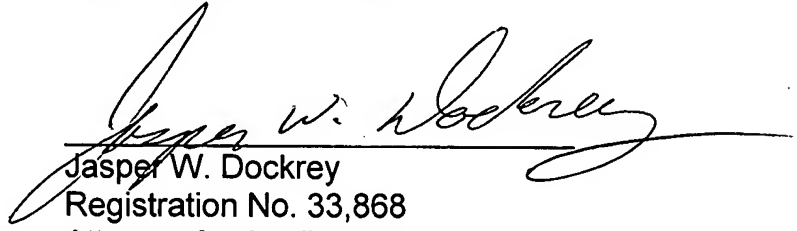


## REMARKS

The amendments shown in the above-listing of claims are identical to those submitted with the applicants' Preliminary Amendment of May 6, 2005. The applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment prior to commencing examination of the application.

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